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Mr. P. Bhaktavatsulu Nayudu :—"In the answer it is stated that Government have no information. Will the Government at least now call for the information, Sir."

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—"I shall consider the suggestion."

Acting appointments in the selection grade to officers of the Provincial Police Service.

*763-A Q.—Mr. K. R. Karant : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) why the concession of giving acting appointments in the selection grade to the officers of the Provincial Police Service is not shown when it is within the power of the Local Government to do so ; and

(b) whether the Government propose to take action in this direction ?

A.—(a) & (b) It is not within the power of the Local Government to permit acting appointments in the selection grade of the Provincial Police Service.

Mr. K. R. Karant :—"With reference to the answer given, may I ask in whose power it is to permit acting appointments in the selection grade of the Provincial Police Service ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—"It is a power vested in the Government of India."

Listing of posts of District Superintendents of Police.

*763-B Q.—Mr. K. R. Karant : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) what progress has been made in the listing of District Superintendents of Police's posts for the Deputy Superintendents of Police and whether any programme has been drawn up ; and

(b) whether the Lee Commission recommended the increase of these posts by four and whether any post has been listed in pursuance of the said recommendation ?

A.—(a) & (b) The Lee Commission's recommendation was in effect to raise the number of listed posts by three to a total of eight posts. Five officers have already been promoted from the Provincial Police Service. No programme has been drawn up.

Listing of posts of Deputy Superintendents of Police.

*763-C Q.—Mr. K. R. Karant : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government during the late Law Member's time promised the deputation of the Deputy Superintendents of Police that they would take steps immediately for the listing of District Superintendents of Police's posts for Deputy Superintendents of Police and whether any action has been taken since then ;

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(b) whether the Government of India in December 1927 communicated to the Local Governments the order of the Secretary of State listing more posts of District Superintendents of Police for Deputy Superintendents of Police, and whether the Government will place a copy of the order on the Council Table ;

(c) whether any effect has been given to this order ; and

(d) if not, when and how the Government propose to give effect to the same ?

A.—(a) The Government are not aware of any such promise.
(b) No.
(c) & (d) Do not arise.

Vacancies in the selection grade appointments in the Provincial Police Service.

* 763-D Q.—Mr. K. R. Karant : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether acting appointments are made to posts in the selection grade in the Imperial Police ;

(b) whether such appointments are also made to posts in the selection grade in the Provincial Police ; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the three selection grade appointments in the Provincial Police are virtually vacant in view of the fact that the officers in the selection grade always act as District Superintendents of Police ?

A.—(a) Yes.
(b) No.
(c) No.

Appointment of Deputy Superintendents of Police.

* 763-E Q.—Mr. K. R. Karant : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that Messrs. Srinivasa Sastri, Nargunam, Walton and Venkataramanujam have been recently appointed Deputy Superintendents of Police ;

(b) whether these officers were tried as Deputy Superintendents of Police during the time of Messrs. Thomas and Armitage and reverted ; if so, on what grounds ;

(c) whether the Government have called for and perused the papers ordering their reversions before re-appointing them ; and

(d) whether there are any other Deputy Superintendents of Police who have been continuously acting for the last four or five years and if so, whether their claims will be taken into consideration in preference to these three gentlemen ?

A.—(a) Yes.
(b) & (c) The Government cannot answer the questions. Recommendation rolls are strictly confidential.
(d) (1) Yes.
(2) Government cannot promise now to give a preference to one particular man over another.